## Workshop for **Sheung Yue River Catchment** 15 October 2021

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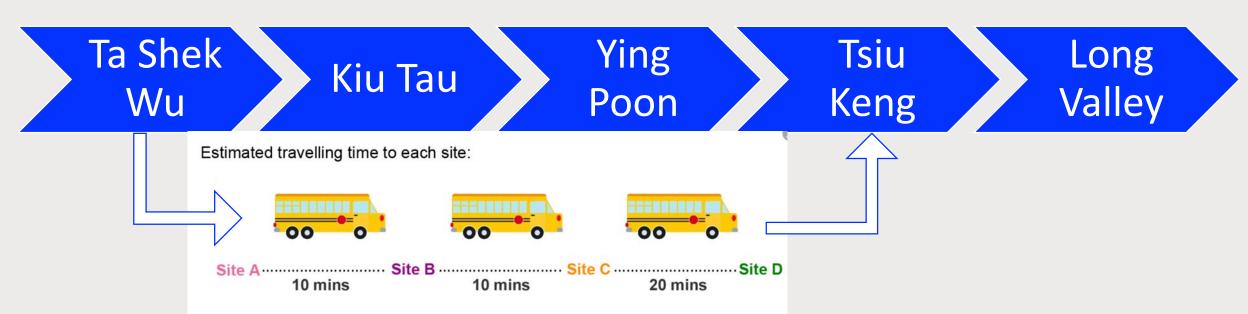


## Sheung Yue River Wise use 引水灌田

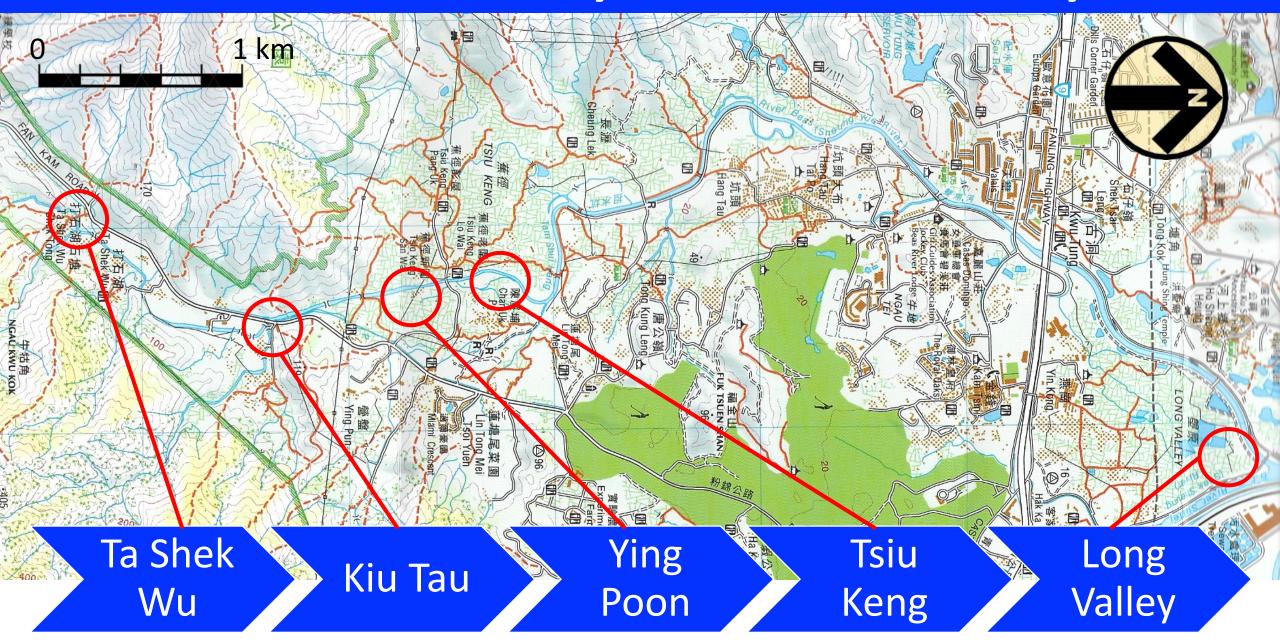
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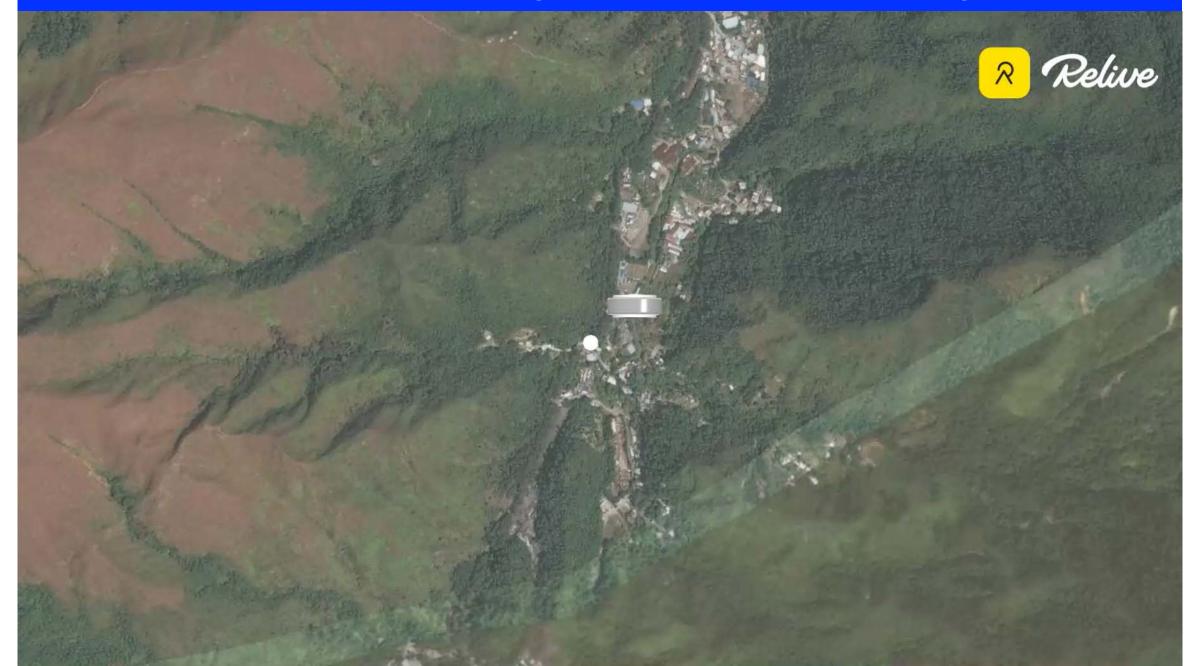
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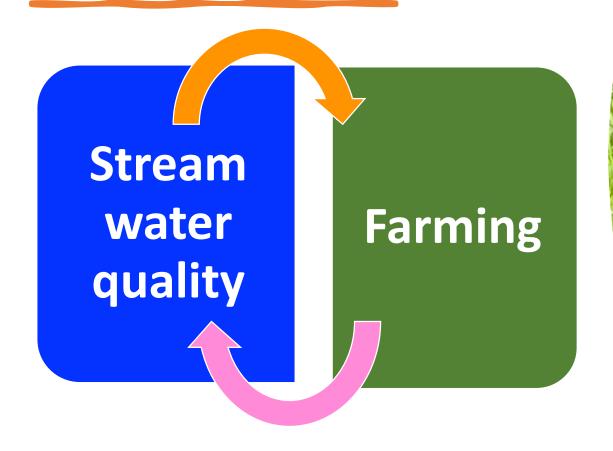
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# B. Relationship between stream water quality and agriculture





agriculture

Wise use 引水灌田 **IRRIGATION WATER** 

adequate supply

irrigation channel; weir; dam; storage of stream water

water quality

clean water is needed, especially organic farming Knowledge recap

**Farming** 

**Stream water quality** 

- dissolved oxygen
- growth of algae
- eutrophication

- fertilizers
- manure
- poultry
- pesticides livestock (pig farming)

# B. Relationship between stream water quality and agriculture

**Enquiry** Find out the relationship between stream water quality and agriculture in Sheung Yue River. question **Agriculture Stream water quality Observations Chemical & biological** Land use type properties Floating matter Around **Data**  Green algae Acidity Upstream collection Sewage fungus Ammonia Type of Smell Nitrate farming Water colour • E. coli **Turbidity** 

Stream water quality

#### **Domestic**

- urban storm water run off
- sewage
- contamination

#### Industry

- waste discharge
- chemical waste
- toxic materials
- dirty water back to stream



B. Relationship between stream water quality and agriculture

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**Stream water quality** 

Agricultural land use





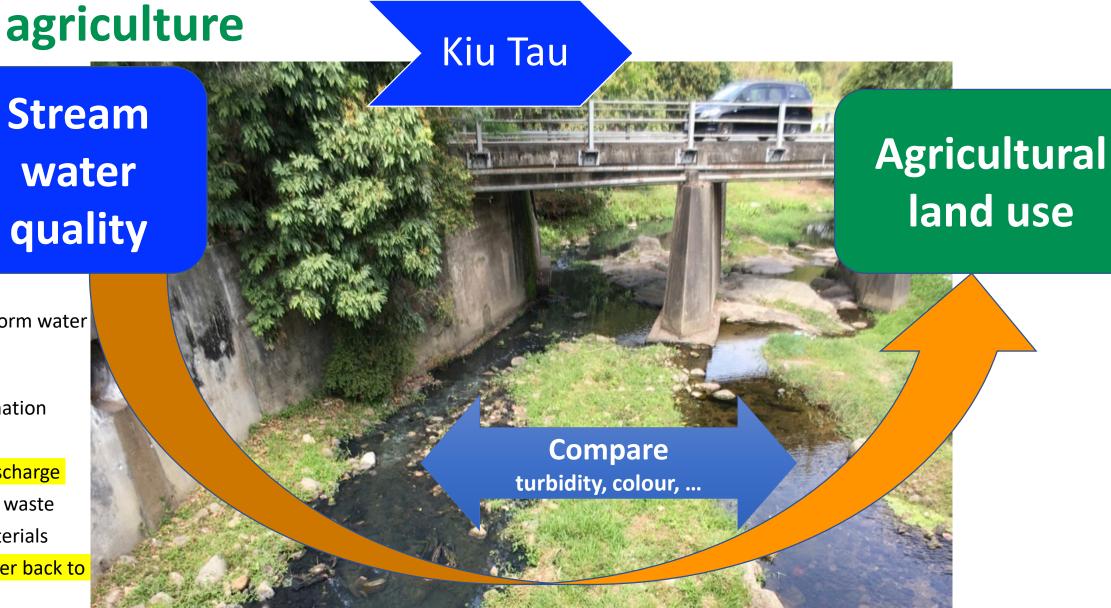
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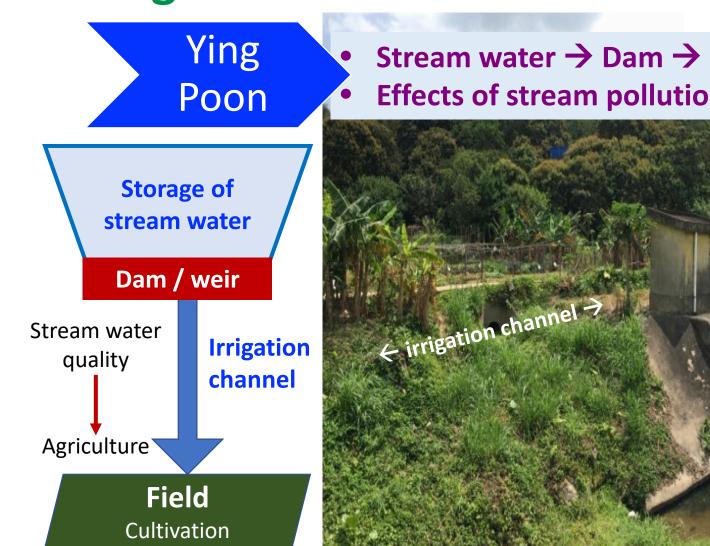
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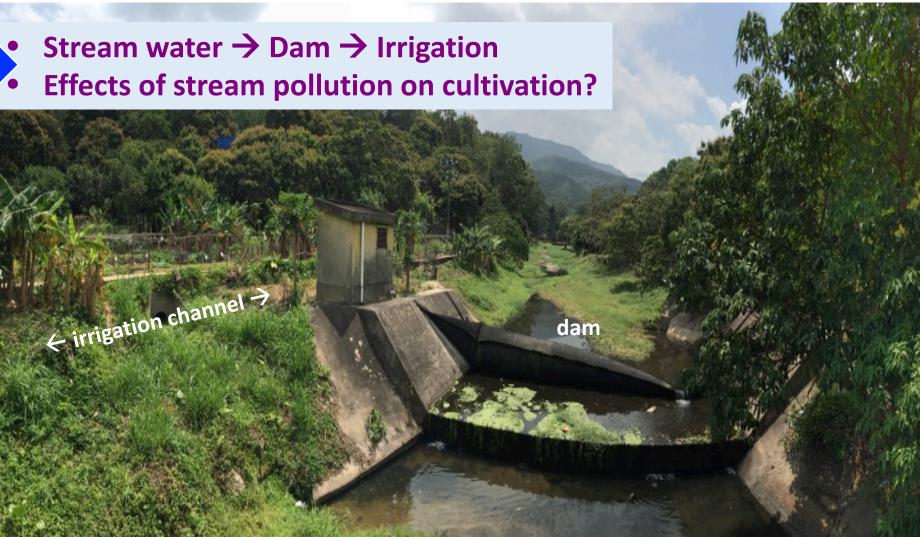
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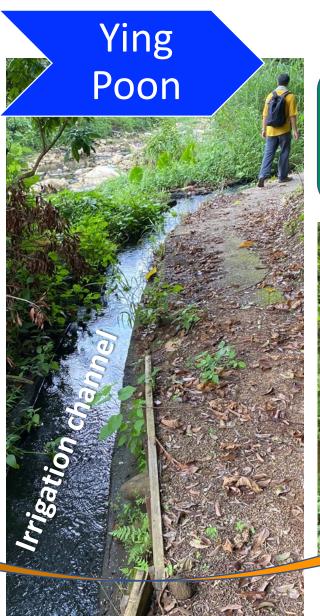


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## Stream water quality



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#### **Agricultural land use**



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Stream water quality

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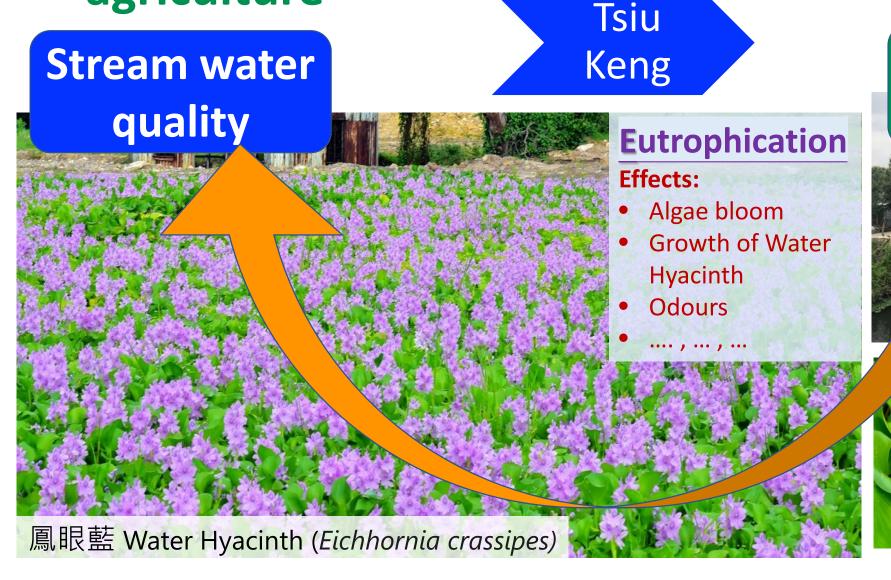
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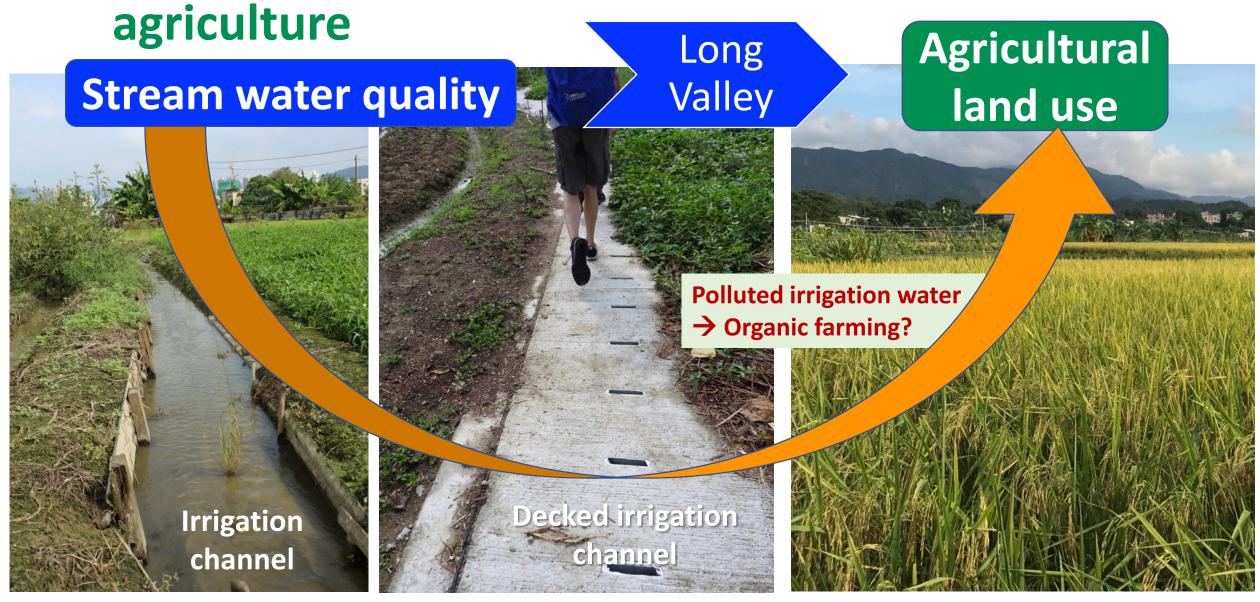
agriculture Agricultural Tsiu **Stream water quality** Keng land use **Eutrophication Causes:** Use of fertilizer Discharge of waste water into stream 鳳眼藍 Water Hyacinth Reduction of self-28 April 2018 (Eichhornia crassipes) purification capacity

B. Relationship between stream water quality and agriculture



# Agricultural land use





B. Relationship between stream water quality and agriculture

Long Valley **Agricultural land use** Stream water quality Vegetable fields Irrigation water Farming for conservation Long Valley rice

B. Relationship between stream water quality and agriculture

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Stream water quality

Long Valley

Agricultural land use



Interview with an organic farmer in Long Valley



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Decked irrigation

Organic farming



# C. How to collect data on stream water quality

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## **Temperature**



## pH





## **Dissolved Oxygen**



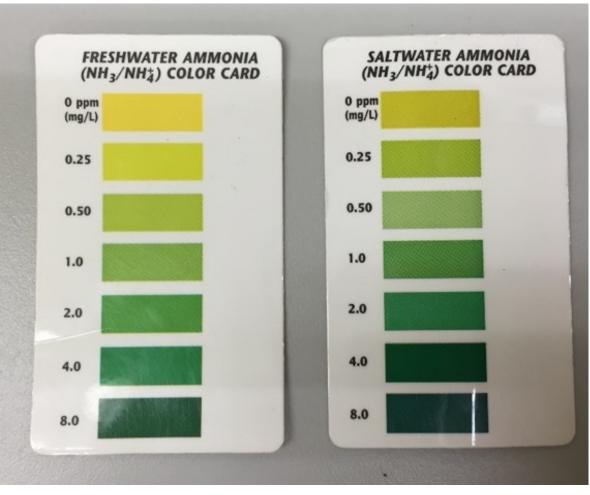
## Ammonia / Nitrite / Nitrate





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# Salinity / Total Dissolved Solid (TDS) / Electrical conductivity



## Multi-parameters benchtop meter



## Turbidity / Nickel etc.

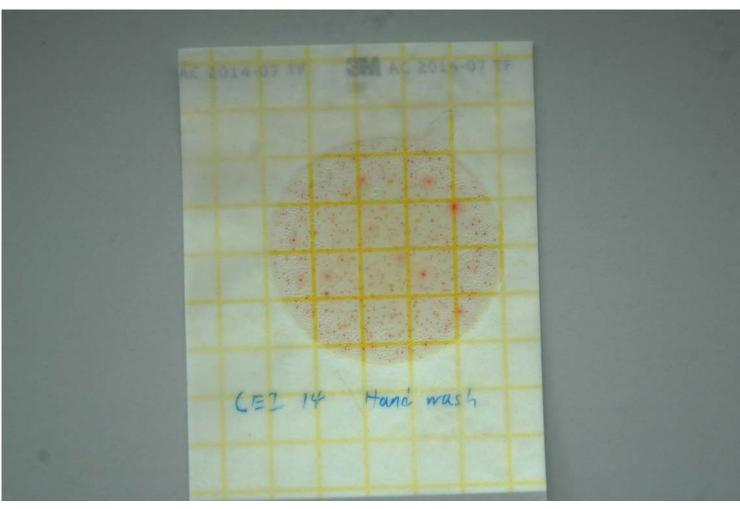
## Spectrophotometers



Acid Demand	COD MR	Nitrite
Alkalinity P	COD HR	Nitrogen Total
Alkalinity Total M	Copper	Oxygen Saturation
Alkalinity	Cyanide	Ozone
Aluminium	Cyanuric Acid	pH Value
Ammonia	DEHA	Phenols
Ammonia LR	Fluoride	Phosphate Total
Ammonia HR	Hardness Total	Phosphate
Arsenic	Hazen	Phosphonate
Boron	Hydrazine	Potassium
Bromine	Hydrogen Peroxide	Silica
Cadmium	lodine	Sulphate
Absorbance	Iron	Sulphide
Monochloramine	Formaldehyde	Sulphite
Chloride	Iron TPTZ	Detergents
Chlorine	Lead	Suspended Solids
Chlorine (total)	Manganese	TOC
Chlorine Dioxide	Molybdate	Turbidity
Chromium	Nickel	Urea
COD LR	Nitrate	Zinc

## Escherichia coli / Total bacteria











- Temperature
- Salinity
- pH
- Dissolved Oxygen
- Escherichia coli
- Total bacteria
- Ammonia
- Nitrate
- Total Dissolved Solid
- Electric conductivity
- Turbidity
- Nitrite
- Nickel
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## In the geography education of secondary schools:

- Investigating whether the river is clean/ potable is meaningless
- Learning happens in
  - Deciding the methodology & sampling sites
  - Testing processes
  - In analyzing the results
- No. of parameters tested depends on:
  - Needs
  - Time & Cost
  - Student ability etc.



